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Mr. Eric Wu Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200

Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) / Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs) RE: for Vista Canyon Water Factory - City of Santa Clarita (File No. 14-031, Order No. R4-2016-XXXX, CI-10041, Global ID WDR100016910)

Dear Mr. Wu:

Los Angeles, CA 90013

This letter serves to express my strong support of the above referenced recycled water project. When complete the Vista Canyon Water Factory will be owned and operated by the City of Santa Clarita and Castaic Lake Water Agency will acquire recycled water from the City for distribution and use throughout the Vista Canyon project. In the future CLWA intends to expand the use of this recycled water to surrounding existing neighborhoods where it would replace potable water presently being used for landscaped areas. This critical project will result in the first use of recycled water in the eastern Santa Clarita Valley.

As you know, recycled water is becoming an even more critical component in meeting future water demand in the State of California. The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted goals to increase the use of recycled water as this local source of water supply is drought proof, reliable and minimizes are carbon footprint. Projects like this make it very clear that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agencies strongly support these goals and are working with the public and private sector to increase the use of recycled water in the Valley.

Finally, the Vista Canyon project is the type of development that the State needs to be encouraging. In addition to the Vista Canyon Water Factory, the development will include a new multi-modal City of Santa Clarita Transit Station (including both a Metrolink Station and Bus Transfer Station), up to 950,000 square feet of commercial floor area (resulting the in the creation of up to 4,000 permanent jobs), over seven miles of on-site trails connecting residential and commercial areas with each other and the Transit Station.

I look forward to your approval of this recycled water project and the development of the Vista Canyon project! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Assemblymember Scott Wilk 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District